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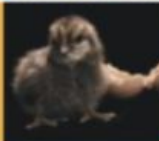
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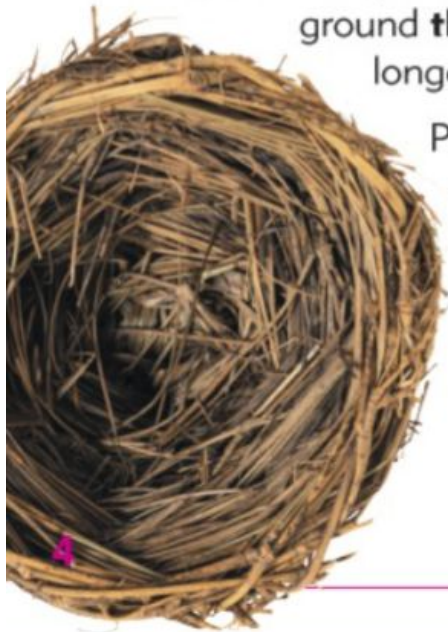




## Signs of Spring

As winter turns to spring, what changes can you see and feel?

**Spring** days are warmer. In places with cold winters, snow melts and the frozen ground **thaws**. Each day is a little longer than the one before.



Plants begin to grow again. Spring **bulbs**, such as tulips and daffodils, flower.

Sheep, cows and many other animals have babies in spring.



The snow melts, and wildflowers bloom.



Some birds build nests and lay eggs in spring.



Many lambs are born in spring.

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

The spring equinox is on September 22nd or 23rd when day and night each last for 12 hours.



## Plants in Spring

Warmer weather helps many plants grow in spring.

Green shoots break through the dirt. Spring bulbs **sprout** and grow flowers.

The buds on trees open. The first leaves appear. Fruit trees, such as apple and cherry trees, are covered in flowers.



Cherry blossoms

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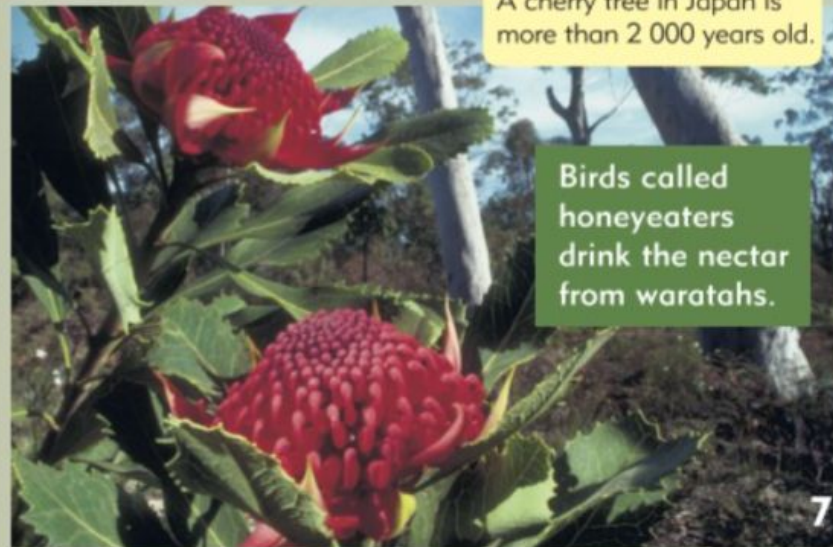


Kangaroo paws grow to 120 centimetres tall.

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#### OLDEST!

A cherry tree in Japan is more than 2 000 years old.



Birds called honeyeaters drink the nectar from waratahs.

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## In the Garden

Many seeds can be planted in spring.

Spring is a busy time in the garden. Gardeners plant seeds and young plants called **seedlings**.



Beans sprouting

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Young plants must not dry out. They need water to live and grow. Young plants may also need to be **protected** from strong winds and from slugs and snails.



Vegetables need plenty of room to grow.



Lettuce grows fast and needs a lot of water.



Tomato seedlings are planted in spring.

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## Spring Food

Only a few fruits and vegetables ripen in spring.

Lettuce, peas, asparagus and strawberries can be picked fresh and eaten in spring. People enjoy eating fresh, spring vegetables after the cold winter.

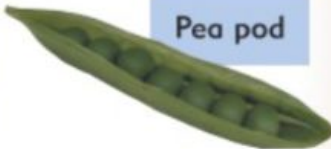
Try making desserts with strawberries. They will be sweet and juicy in spring.



Ripe strawberries



Asparagus



Pea pod



Asparagus and spring onions are being cooked.

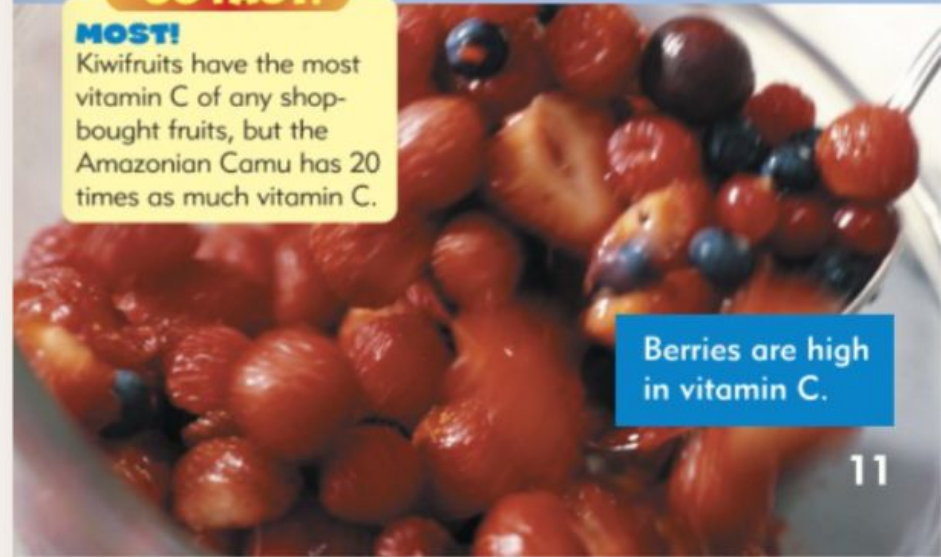
People pick lettuce leaves in spring.



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#### **MOST!**

Kiwifruits have the most vitamin C of any shop-bought fruits, but the Amazonian Camu has 20 times as much vitamin C.



Berries are high in vitamin C.





## People in Spring

People spend more time outside in spring.



Spring is an exciting time outdoors. There are many new plants and animals. The air smells fresh. The cold winter is over.

The early sunrise makes waking up easier. The longer days and warm sunshine give many people more energy.



Spring clothes

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Dandelions make seeds in spring.



Windy days are good for flying kites.



Early mornings are good for fishing.

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## Animals in Spring

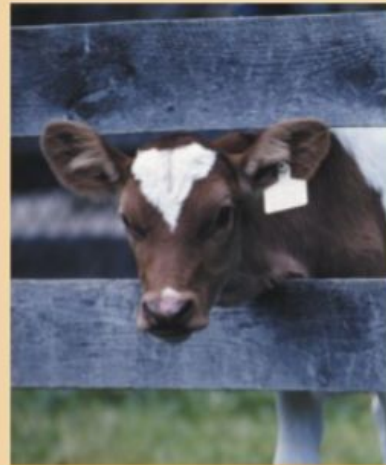
Many animals have babies in spring.

Bears sleep or hibernate during the winter. In spring, bears wake up and look for food. The mother bear is hungry after the long, cold winter.

Birds build nests and lay eggs in spring. When the chicks **hatch**, they are always hungry. The adult birds are kept busy finding food for their new chicks.



Quail eggs



Some calves are born in early spring.

This bird feeds insects to its chicks.



Black bear cubs are born in winter but don't come out of the den until spring.





## Glossary

- bulb** a round root that grows into a flower or plant
- hatch** when eggs break open and young birds come out
- protect** to keep something safe
- ripen** become ready to eat
- seedling** a young plant grown from a seed
- sprout** to grow new buds or shoots
- thaw** when ice becomes liquid in warmer weather



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